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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below. **This will be the final directed pink salmon opening for the 2017 season.**

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2017:**

Section 3-A: will be open with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62' N. latitude, 132°58.33' W. longitude to Shoe Island Light to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80' N. latitude, 132°41.83' W. longitude;

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of 132°35.00' W. longitude and south of the northernmost tip of Helen Island;

Hetta Inlet and contiguous waters: will be closed north of the northernmost tip of Simmons Point at 55°12.38' N. latitude;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of Kassa Point at 132°31.62' W. longitude;

Klakas Inlet: will be closed north of 54°57.20' N. latitude at the southernmost entrance to Max Cove;

Max Cove: all waters will be closed;

Nutkwa Inlet: will be closed **north of 55°06.00' N. latitude.**

Sukkwana Straits and contiguous waters: will be closed west of a line from the northern tip of Round point to Eek Point light.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Desconocida located at 55°41.64' N. latitude, 133°31.71' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of St. Philip Island at 55°39.31' N. latitude, 133°25.16' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Blanquizar Point to the northernmost tip of Rosary Island to the southernmost tip of Sombrero Island to the westernmost tip of Madre de Dios Island at 55°23.65' N. latitude, 133°09.67' W. longitude to Point Bataan at 55°22.90' N. latitude, 133°11.15' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Ulloa Channel: will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Cangrejo at 55°20.81' N. latitude, 133°21.42' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Point Providence at 55°21.52' N. latitude, 133°16.20' W. longitude.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2017:**

District 4: will be open.

District 9

Section 9-B: **will be closed.**

District 12

Section 12-A: **will be closed.**

District 13

Section 13-A: **will be closed.**

District 14:

Section 14-B: **will be closed.**

Section 14-C: **will be closed.**

The department has been monitoring chum salmon stocks throughout Southeast Alaska and has determined that chum salmon abundance will allow fall chum salmon fisheries in areas of Districts 2, 9, and 14. The following areas will be open to directed chum salmon fishing.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2017:**

District 2: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline south of the northernmost tip of Tolstoi Point at 55°40.25' N. latitude and north of Windy Point at 55°12.77' N. latitude with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound: will be closed west of the westernmost tip of Divide Head at 132°16.30' W. longitude and will be closed south of a line from approximately 1.7 nautical miles southwest of Chasina Island at 55°15.00' N. latitude, 132°04.34' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Hump Island at 55°13.62' N. latitude to a point 1 nautical mile due west of the northernmost tip of Babe Island at 55°13.04' N. latitude, 132°09.64' W. longitude;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, Twelve Mile Arm, and contiguous waters: will be closed west of Island Point at 132°10.00' W. longitude;

Sunny Cove: will be closed north of 55°15.00' N. latitude;

Thorne Bay, Tolstoi Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed.

District 9

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2017:**

Port Camden: will be open south of the latitude of Point Camden.

Security Bay: will be open within 1.0 nautical mile of the Kuiu Island Shoreline north of the latitude of Kingsmill Point Light and south of the latitude of Meade Point.

District 14

The following area will be open to purse seining from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2017:**

Excursion Inlet and contiguous waters: will be open in those waters north of the northernmost tip of the Porpoise Islands at 58°20.68' N. latitude and south of Sawmill Point at 58°27.12' N. latitude, including the waters of Sawmill Bay.

Wednesday, September 6, will be the first chum salmon targeted fishery in District 2. The department will be flying a survey on Tuesday, September 5, in Cholmondeley Sound. If conditions have changed to better harvest salmon in the sound, the department will issue a news release on Tuesday afternoon that will modify lines for the Wednesday fishery.

The department will continue to monitor fall chum salmon returns to Cholmondeley Sound, Security Bay, Port Camden, Nakwasina Sound, Chaik Bay, and Excursion Inlet for fall chum salmon fishing opportunities.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: For all Southeast Alaska waters, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length MAY NOT be retained and sold. King salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. King salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Monday, September 11, 2017.**

Copies of the "2017 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S6517.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 35

Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 3, 2017 for the mid-week opening.

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 3	0	700	3,500	215,000	5,200	224,400	22
District 4	0	10,000	3,500	190,000	4,200	207,700	15
Section 9-B	0	250	4,500	80,000	1,300	86,050	10
W. Admiralty shore	0	250	900	21,000	700	22,850	4
Section 13-A	0	50	300	85,000	1,000	86,350	14
Excursion Inlet	0	30	175	900	3,100	4,205	5
Total	0	11,280	12,875	591,900	15,500	631,555	70

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 3	0	32	159	9,773	236	10,200
District 4	0	667	233	12,667	280	13,847
Section 9-B	0	25	450	8,000	130	8,605
W. Admiralty shore	0	63	225	5,250	175	5,713
Section 13-A	0	4	21	6,071	71	6,168
Excursion Inlet	0	6	35	180	620	841

 No effort: Point Augusta/Whitestone and SW Admiralty shore.

 Confidential: Tenakee/Basket Bay shore

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